

UNITEDSTATES **FIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION** Washington, D.C. 20549

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number:

3235-0123

Expires: February 28, 2010

## SEC Mail Pro Estimated average burden ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT Section hours per response..... 12.00 **FORM X-17A-5** PART III

FEB 2 9 2008

SEC FILE NUMBER

Washington, DC

8-65641

**FACING PAGE** 

112

Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

| REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BE       | GINNING_January 1, 2007 AND E   | NDING_Dece  | ember 31, 2007               |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------|------------------------------|
|                                | MM/DD/YY  |             | MM/DD/YY                     |
|                                | A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION  |             | _                            |
| NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:         |   |             | OFFICIAL USE ONLY            |
| ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLA       | JULIE E. MALAVE<br>Pu'("ôn'skô B'.O.P.seudon od): CEONIEUS TO OE<br>No. VIMASUSSES<br>No. VIMASUS<br>No. VIMASU | PEDISTY     | FIRM I.D. NO.                |
| 535 Madison Avenue, 19th Floor | CANADA AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AN   |             |                              |
|                                | (No. and Street)  |             | ٠ _ ٠                        |
| New York                       | NY  | 100         |                              |
| (City)                         | (State)   | (Z          | ip Code)                     |
| NAME AND TELEPHONE NUM         | IBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD T   | TO THIS REP | ORT                          |
| Richard D. Miles               |   |             | 12-207-1000                  |
| - <u>-</u>                     |   | (           | Area Code - Telephone Number |
|                                | B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION  | l           |                              |
| O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbin | OUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Reports. LLP  (Name - if individual, state last, first, middle n   |             | <u> </u>                     |
| 60 E 42nd Street               | New York  | NY          | 10165                        |
| (Address)                      | (City)  | (State)     | (Zip Code)                   |
| CHECK ONE:                     |   |             |                              |
|                                | ecountant   |             | PROCESSED                    |
| ☐ Public Accountant            |   | 1           | MAR 2 1 2008                 |
| ☐ Accountant not res           | ident in United States or any of its possessions.   |             | THOMSON                      |
|                                | FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY   |             | FINANCIAL                    |
|                                |   |             |                              |
|                                |   |             |                              |
|                                | -   | <del></del> |                              |

\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

> Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of Information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.



## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

| I, Richard D. Miles                             | , swear (or affirm) that, to the best of  |
|---|---|
|   | inancial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of               |
| Berkshire Capital Securities, LLC               |   |
|   | , 20 07 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that                    |
|   | tor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account      |
| classified solely as that of a customer, except | as follows:   |
|   |   |
|   | 1   |
|   |   |
|   |   |
|   |   |
|   | Signature   |
| -   | Chief Operating Officer   |
| Oli A ol A Notary Pu                            | LIE E. MALAVE  Ablic, State of New York  Title                                      |
| ALL AYMAMA NO                                   | 01MA6059397   |
| 1. V / /// // /                                 | d in New York County  The County 2, 2001  |
| Notary Public                                   |   |
| This report ** contains (check all applicable b | poxes):   |
| (a) Facing Page.                                | •   |
| (b) Statement of Financial Condition.           |   |
| (c) Statement of Income (Loss).                 | •   |
| (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Co        |   |
|   | s' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.                                |
| (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities S       | ubordinated to Claims of Creditors.   |
| (g) Computation of Net Capital.                 |   |
|   | serve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.   |
|   | n or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.  |
|   | te explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the          |
|   | Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.                                |
| • •   | and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of          |
| consolidation.                                  |   |
| (I) An Oath or Affirmation.                     |   |
| (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Rep         |   |
| (n) A report describing any material inade      | quacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audi |
|   | certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).                       |
| X (o) Independent Auditors' Report on Interna   | Accounting Control  |
| X (p) Note to Financial Statements              |   |

Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule Pursuant to Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission

December 31, 2007



#### **Independent Auditors' Report**

## The Board of Directors and Members Berkshire Capital Securities, LLC

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition of Berkshire Capital Securities, LLC and Subsidiary (the Company) as of December 31, 2007, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in members' equity and comprehensive income and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of Berkshire Capital Securities Limited, (Berkshire Capital) a wholly-owned foreign subsidiary, which statements reflect total assets of \$408,745 as of December 31, 2007, and total revenues of \$474,258 and net income of \$1,962 for the year then ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Berkshire Capital, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Berkshire Capital Securities, LLC and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2007, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the supplemental schedule is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

O'Common Davies Munno & Dobbino, LAP

New York, New York February 21, 2008

### Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition

December 31, 2007

| ASSETS   |          |             |
|--|----------|-------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents                            | \$       | 4,093,287   |
| Client receivables                                   |          | 1,339,892   |
| Investments  |          | 286,680     |
| Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements, net |          | 262,093     |
| Other assets   |          | 330,686     |
| Due from affiliates                                  |          | 94,808      |
| Restricted cash                                      |          | 664,400     |
| Restricted cash                                      |          | 301,100     |
|  | \$       | 7,071,846   |
|  | <u> </u> | .,0.11,0.10 |
|  |          |             |
|  |          |             |
|  |          |             |
| LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY                      |          |             |
| Liabilities  |          |             |
|  | \$       | 404,801     |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                | Ψ        | 2,185,601   |
| Pension and bonuses payable                          |          |             |
| Deferred rent expense                                | -        | 184,930     |
| m - 1 * 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1            |          | 2 775 222   |
| Total Liabilities                                    |          | 2,775,332   |
|  |          | 1006511     |
| Members' equity                                      | _        | 4,296,514   |
|  | \$       | 7,071,846   |
|  | <u> </u> | 7,071,010   |

## Consolidated Statement of Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2007

| REVENUE  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Completion fees                                      | \$ 6,531,550  |
| Advisory fees  | 3,637,500     |
| Valuation fees                                       | 1,379,121     |
| Investment income                                    | 91,474        |
| Gain on sale of investment                           | <u>71,819</u> |
|  | 11,711,464    |
| EXPENSES   |               |
| Employee compensation, benefits and related expenses | 6,623,220     |
| Rent   | 1,000,913     |
| Research and statistical costs                       | 119,366       |
| Professional fees                                    | 520,909       |
| Regulatory fees and expenses                         | 64,990        |
| Communications costs                                 | 137,023       |
| Depreciation and amortization                        | 96,695        |
| Interest expense                                     | 21,466        |
| Bad debt expense                                     | 75,484        |
| Other operating costs                                | 1,480,087     |
|  | 10,140,153    |
| Net Income   | \$ 1,571,311  |

## Consolidated Statement of Changes in Members' Equity and Comprehesive Income

### Year Ended December 31, 2007

| Members' equity, beginning of year                 | <u>\$ 3,751,590</u> |
|--|---------------------|
| Comprehensive Income                               |                     |
| Net income   | 1,571,311           |
| Unrealized foreign currency translation adjustment | 9,181               |
| Total Comprehensive Income                         | 1,580,492           |
| Members' contributions                             | 207,216             |
| Members' distributions                             | (1,242,784)         |
| Members' equity, end of year                       | <u>\$ 4,296,514</u> |

## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31, 2007

| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES                         |           |             |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| Net income   | \$        | 1,571,311   |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash              |           |             |
| provided by operating activities                             |           |             |
| Gain on sale of investments                                  |           | (71,819)    |
| Depreciation and amortization                                |           | 96,695      |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities                  |           |             |
| Client receivables   |           | 352,515     |
| Other assets   |           | (104,571)   |
| Due from affiliates  |           | (94,808)    |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                        |           | (67,210)    |
| Pension and bonuses payable                                  |           | 653,065     |
| Deferred rent expense  |           | (19,510)    |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities                    |           | 2,315,668   |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES                         |           |             |
| Proceeds from sale of investments                            |           | 169,869     |
| Purchases of furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements | _         | (43,963)    |
| Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities                    |           | 125,906     |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES                         |           |             |
| Members' contributions                                       |           | 207,216     |
| Distributions to members                                     |           | (1,242,784) |
| Net Cash Used by Financing Activities                        |           | (1,035,568) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash                      |           | 5,361       |
| Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents                      |           | 1,411,367   |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS                                    |           |             |
| Beginning of year  | _         | 2,681,920   |
| End of year  | <u>\$</u> | 4,093,287   |

#### Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

#### 1. Organization

Berkshire Capital Securities, LLC (the Company), a limited liability company, is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. The Company transacts its investment banking business at offices in New York, Colorado and London. Berkshire Capital Securities Limited, its whollyowned United Kingdom subsidiary, conducts London office investment banking activities.

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

#### Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies at the date of financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less, at the time of purchase, to be cash equivalents.

#### Furniture, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements

Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements are stated at cost. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations. Depreciation expense is calculated on a straight-line basis over the respective assets' remaining useful life. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the economic useful life of the improvement or the lease term.

#### Income Taxes

The Company is treated as a partnership for Federal and state income tax purposes and, accordingly does not record an income tax provision because its members report their share of the Company's income or loss in their income tax returns.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Advertising

The Company follows the policy of charging the costs of advertising to expense as incurred. For the year ended December 31, 2007, advertising expense was approximately \$86,000.

#### Completion Fees

Completion fees consist of revenues earned from providing merger-and-acquisition and financial restructuring advisory services. Such fees are recorded when the underlying transaction is consummated.

#### Investments

Investments consist of two non-publicly traded partnerships which are recorded at net realizable value, based on valuations by the Company's management.

#### Foreign Currency Translation

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at year-end exchange rates, while revenues and expenses are translated at the average rates of exchange for the year. Gains and losses resulting from foreign currency translation are included within other comprehensive income.

#### 3. Regulatory Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. In addition, the rate provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn in the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2007, the Company had net capital of approximately \$1,318,000, which was approximately \$1,133,000 in excess of its required net capital of \$185,022.

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in that the Company's activities are limited to those set forth in the conditions for exemption appearing in paragraph (k)(2)(ii).

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

#### 4. Furniture, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements

Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements consisted of the following at December 31, 2007:

|                   | Estimated              |
|-------------------|------------------------|
|                   | <u>Useful Life</u>     |
| \$ 340.164        | 7 yrs.                 |
| •                 |                        |
| 1,493,644         | 5-7 yrs.               |
| <u>216,169</u>    | 5-10 yrs.              |
| 2,049,977         |                        |
| 1,787,884         |                        |
| <u>\$ 262,093</u> |                        |
|                   | 2,049,977<br>1,787,884 |

#### 5. Employee Benefit Plan

The Company maintains a 401(k) plan for substantially all of its employees. The Company makes annual matching contributions up to 50% of the first 6% of employees' compensation. In addition, the Company may make additional discretionary profit sharing plan contributions as determined by the Board of Directors. Plan expense for the year ended to December 31, 2007 was \$174,984.

#### 6. Equity Participation Program

The Company has an equity participation program (EPP) for key employees (Participants). Under the terms of the EPP, Participants may be eligible, on an annual basis, to allocate a portion of their compensation, to purchase newly issued units of membership interest. The pricing of units purchased under the EPP is calculated annually based on the Company's earnings and year end book value. For the year ended December 31, 2007, there were no units of membership interest purchased pursuant to the EPP.

#### Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

#### 7. Commitments

The Company has offices in New York City, Colorado, Pennsylvania and London. Leases for office space expire through October 31, 2015. A stand-by letter of credit in the amount of \$664,400 was delivered to the landlord in lieu of cash security for the New York City office. The Company is required to maintain a compensating balance with the bank while the letter of credit is outstanding. Such compensating balance has been presented as restricted cash in the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition. Rent expense for 2007 was net of rental sublease income of approximately \$24,000.

Approximate future minimum rental payments at December 31, 2007, under all operating leases having an initial or remaining non-cancelable term of more than one year are shown below.

#### Year Ended December 31,

| \$<br>879,000 |
|---------------|
| 879,000       |
| 879,000       |
| 889,000       |
| 920,000       |
| <br>586,000   |
| \$            |

\$5,032,000

#### 8. Financial Instruments and Credit Risk Concentration

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash, cash equivalents, investments and client receivables. The Company places its cash and cash equivalents in highly regarded financial institutions. At times, cash balances exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's insurable limit. This potentially subjects the Company to a concentration of credit risk. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts. The Company does not have a material concentration of credit risk with respect to client receivables, due to its generally short payment terms. Management believes that all client receivables are collectible therefore no allowance for bad debts has been recognized at year-end.

## **Supplemental Schedule**

Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements and Information Relating to Possession or Control Requirements for Broker Dealers Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1

December 31, 2007

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in that the Company's activities are limited to those set forth in the conditions for exemption appearing in paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of that rule.

### Computation of Net Capital under Rule 15C3-1 The Securities and Exchange Commission

#### December 31, 2007

| Consolidated members' equity, at December 31, 2007                  | <u>\$ 4,296,514</u>  |
|---|----------------------|
| Deductions and/or charges   |                      |
| Non-allowable assets  | 664 400              |
| Restricted cash Client receivables                                  | 664,400<br>1,339,892 |
| Due from affiliates   | 94,808               |
| Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements, net                | 262,093              |
| Other assets  | 330,686              |
|   | 2,691,879            |
| Tentative Net Capital   | 1,604,635            |
| Haircuts on security positions                                      | 286,680              |
| Net Capital   | 1,317,955            |
| Minimum net capital requirement of 6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness |                      |
| of \$2,775,332 or \$100,000, whichever is greater                   | 185,022              |
| Excess Net Capital  | \$ 1,132,933         |
| Total aggregate indebtedness  | \$ 2,775,332         |
| Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital                      | 2.1 to 1             |

There are no material differences between this computation of net capital and the corresponding computation prepared by the company and included in it's unaudited Part II A Focus Report as of December 31, 2007.

## Independent Auditors' Report On Internal Control Structure Required By S.E.C. Rule 17a-5

## The Board of Directors of Berkshire Capital Securities, LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the consolidated financial statements and supplemental schedule of Berkshire Capital Securities, LLC and Subsidiary (the Company), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons and recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13,
- Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8
  of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve
  System.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2007, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, National Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

O'lemner Devies Munno & Dobbino, LAP

New York, New York February 21, 2008

END